Opening of Telegraph Offices in Varanasi District of Uttar Pradesh

6935. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the telegraph offices functioning in Varanasi District of Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more telegraph offices there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) At present the following Telegraph Offices are functioning in Varanasi District of Uttar Pradesh:-

-	Central Telegraph Office	-	1
-	Zonal Telegraph Offices	-	3
-	Mofussil Telegraph Office (at Bhadohi)	-	1
-	Combined Post and Telegraph Office	-	120

(b) and (c). It is proposed to open two Combined Post and Telegraph Office on phonocom basis at Kewalput and Gangapur during 91-92.

Development of Horticulture in Goa

6936. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount allocated to Goa for the development of horticulture in the State during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The Central Government have allocated the following amounts for development of horticulture to Goa:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	*Allocation Admn. Approval*	*Release*
1988-89	1.9222	1.484
1989-90	1.8262	1.560
1990-91	2.8481	3.2203

Besides, for conducting research in horticultural crops, following amounts were allocated:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	*Amount allocated*
1989-90	27.00
1990-91	58.00
1991-92	75.00

Deaths in Tihar Jail

6937. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a number of deaths in Tihar Jail since July 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). From 1st July to 31st August, 1991 thirteen prisoners died. The Jail authorities have intimated that out of thirteen, two committed suicide, two died in jail hospital, five died in outside hospitals, one died while on way to the hospital and three died in jail. Of the three prisoners who died in jail, two were drug addicts and the third was a patient of tuberculosis.

Advisory Panel on Kashmir

6938. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an advisory panel on Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the panel will help migrants in their temporary rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Cobalt Recovery Plant of Debari Zinc Smelter, Udaipur

6939. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cobalt Recovery Plant of the Debari Zinc Smelter in Udaipur has been commissioned; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the production achieved so far, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is a Research and Development Plant and was commissioned in March, 1991. The plant was on trial-run from March, 1991 to June, 1991 and the production so far is as follows:

July, 1991	*2 cubic metres of Cobalt Sulphate Solution.
August, 1991	3 cubic metres of Cobalt Sulphate Solution.

*1 cubic metre of Cobalt Sulphate is equivalent to 80 Kgs. of Cobalt.